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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE CONSCRIPTION QUESTION: INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE SAID TO HAVE THREATENED RESIGNATION.

Colossal German Fortification: on the Eastern Front.

THE YASAKA MARU: AMERICAN CONSUL'S REPORT.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

CABINET AGAIN MEETS.

NO DECISION YET.

December 28, 1.45 p.m.
The Cabinet met this morning and there was again a large attendance, presided over by Mr. Asquith.
It is considered that further meetings will be necessary before the Government is able to announce its decision based on Lord Derby's recruiting figures.

A PROTRACTED MEETING.

December 28, 8.35 p.m.
The Cabinet meeting lasted for two and a half hours. Mr. Asquith subsequently held a War Council, Earl Kitchener, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Balfour being present.

FOR AND AGAINST CONSCRIPTION.

December 28, 1.15 p.m.
The Cabinet situation is developing rapidly. The opinion is now expressed, at least in hostile quarters, that the Ministry stands at the parting of the ways and that time for definite action and decision has arrived. The situation is similar to that of historic Cabinets prior to the outbreak of war.

The Liberal Press scents the idea of a General Election as being a costly and unnecessary luxury at the present moment. The fact that the Cabinet adjourned until to-day without coming to a decision has aroused most active speculation, but the speculation is mostly guess work.

The Daily Mail makes a plump statement, and says it is understood that, before the Cabinet meeting, Mr. Lloyd George made his own position clear in a message to Mr. Asquith, intimating that unless Mr. Asquith's pledge is interpreted in the strictest sense and compulsion is applied to single men, he could not remain in the Government.

The Daily Mail understands that Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Balfour, the Earl of Crewe, Baron Buckmaster, Mr. McKenna, Sir John Simon, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Birrell, Mr. McKinnon Wood, Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Henderson oppose Conscription, especially Mr. Balfour, who is resolutely opposed thereto.

The Ministers favouring immediate compulsion are Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Lansdowne, Lord Carson, Mr. F. E. Smith, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Walter Long and Lord Selborne.

The attitude of Earl Kitchener and Mr. Bonar Law is not yet defined.

The Morning Post forecasts a certain reconstruction of the Cabinet and agrees with the Daily Chronicle that a General Election at present would be a hollow sham.

One point which emerges from the tangle of speculations is that Mr. Asquith will certainly keep his pledge to married men, and to-day's meeting of the Cabinet is expected to show whether his relationship will enable him to reconcile the conflicting elements.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

INTENSE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

December 28, 5.25 p.m.
A Paris communique states that there has been intense artillery activity in the Vosges along the entire front at Hartmannswillerkopf.
An attempt by the enemy to emerge from his trenches on the slopes of Reichen Hill was stopped by a curtain of fire.

RECRUITING.

A HOPEFUL RESPONSE.

December 28, 1.45 p.m.
The recruiting offices have re-opened after the holidays.
The numbers enlisted for immediate service are sufficient to indicate that the period during which recruiting has been renewed is hopeful.

THE BALKANS.

THE INACTIVITY CONTINUES.

December 28, 1.45 p.m.
The Central Powers remain inactive in Macedonia, though various stores are being taken to Dorian and Ghevgeli, apparently with a view to an offensive.

THE YASAKA MARU.

A REPORT CONFIRMED.

December 28, 1.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the American Consul at Port Said confirms the statement that the N.Y.K. liner Yaska Maru was sunk without warning. No attempt was made by the Yaska to escape.

GERMAN AMERICAN OUTRAGES.

CHEMICALS MIXED WITH CARGO.

December 28, 1.50 p.m.
Reuter's New York correspondent reports another case of incendiarism, as a result of which a large portion of the sugar cargo of the British steamer Inchmoe was destroyed.
It is suspected that combustible chemicals were mixed with the cargo.

TREASON CHARGES.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ACCUSED.

December 28, 1.50 p.m.
A Berlin message says Vorwarts announces that the trial of ten Socialists has opened at Karlsruhe on a charge of high treason. Three others are accused of incitement to revolt.

THE EGYPTIAN FRONT.

TURKS' IMAGINATIVE STORY.

December 28, 1.50 p.m.
Yesterday's Turkish communique contains an imaginative story of fighting on the Egyptian frontier.
In contradiction of this, the Press Bureau announces that there has been no fighting on the frontier between the 14th inst. and the 24th inst. but the principal Arab force was located on the 25th and dispersed. Reuter's Cairo correspondent states that the troops engaged included New Zealanders and Sikhs, the casualties being slight.

SALONICA IMPREGNABLE.

GENERAL CASTELNAU SATISFIED.

December 28, 1.45 p.m.
General Castelnau, interviewed at Athens, stated that he was thoroughly satisfied with what he had seen at Salonica. He was much impressed with the appearance and equipment of the Britishers and the work they had done in rendering Salonica impregnable. He stated that should further reinforcements be required, they are ready close at hand.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRIANS IN DISGRACE.

SENT TO ALSACE.

December 28, 1.45 p.m.
Three Bavarian Divisions are concentrated between Uckub and the Greek frontier, while three Austrian Divisions which the Serbians severely punished have been sent to Alsace.

RUSSIA'S BITTER WINTER.

MOST SEVERE FOR YEARS.

December 28, 1.45 p.m.
Belated telegrams from Russia, which have been held up owing to the interruption of the cable service, show that the winter is the most severe for years.
The thermometer on the Russian front mostly registers 45 degrees of frost.
Wolves have already appeared on the Western Dvina, killing farm animals in daylight and attacking the peasants.

THE RUSSIANS.

GERMANY'S NEW MOVE IN THE EAST.

December 28, 2.10 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent in Paris, a Petrograd telegram states that the Germans have fortified their whole front on a colossal scale. The entire Vilsa-Dvinsk region bristles with trenches, the whole line of the Bug river being fortified formidably.
The number of the enemy's machine-guns has reached an extraordinary figure, and his supply of automatic rifles is increasing daily.
While the German troops have deteriorated, the Austrians seem better than at the beginning of the war, and they surround less frequently. Nevertheless they are falling back in the Tseretoryak region and are held up in Galicia.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SHIPPING LOSSES.

HOW OUR MERCANTILE MARINE HAS SUFFERED.

December 27, 2.15 p.m.
Shipping statistics show that while actually it is estimated since the beginning of the war the losses to the British mercantile marine will be ten millions sterling, the actual losses aggregated 22,732,000. The total losses for the sixteen months average 6 per cent. of the declared values.

THE KING AND THE INDIANS.

HIS MAJESTY'S CONFIDENCE.

December 27, 11.15 p.m.
The King's message to the Indian troops on their leaving France concluded as follows:—
"You leave France with just pride in the honourable deeds already achieved and with my assured confidence that your proved valour and experience will contribute to further victories in the new fields of action to which you go. I pray that God will bless and guard you, and bring you back safely when the final victory is won, each to his own home, there to be welcomed with honour among his own people."

PRESS COMMENT.

December 28, 7.50 a.m.
The King's message to the Indians takes pride of place in the newspapers. All heartily endorse His Majesty's stirring words.
The Times says:—The justice of the King's tribute to the services of the Indian Corps in France will be admitted by all Indian soldiers trench warfare under our leaders, unless Western allies, in dreaching rain and winter months, is extremely trying. There can be no question that the Government has been well advised to transfer them to operations nearer their Motherland.
The Daily Telegraph says:—So lofty a tribute has been gallantly earned in many a field. His Majesty, with accustomed tact, has clothed in memorable words the feelings of all Englishmen as they have watched the prowess of these loyal soldiers of the King. Whatever may be in store for the Indians, they have proved their incontestable worth on the Western front.
The Daily Graphic observes:—The Indians hurried to the post of duty when we had no men ready to swell the ranks against the German hordes. An ordeal awaited them in which they transcended expectations. They have proved themselves, despite every handicap, heirs to India's proudest fighting traditions. Even if they fought no more their glory is secure.
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South China Morning Post

Chinese and Gambling

Many of the best friends of China—both foreign and Chinese—will regret to see the announcement that there is every indication to-day of a recrudescence of the gambling evil in neighbouring provinces. The fact that official sanction is given to the practice, and that the Government treasury is to be replenished as a result, gives colour to the report that the recrudescence is not so much due to the clamant crowd of gamblers which is to be found in almost every part of China as to the need, on the part of officials, of finding fresh financial sources to tap. According to our Nanning correspondent there are already signs—strong and convincing—that in spite of the protests and promises of the past, the gambling evil is to be perpetuated if not fostered in the province of Kwangsi.

Daily Press

China's Outlying Dominions

One of the solid and permanent benefits that China may be expected to gain from the change from a republic to a monarchy will, we think, be that the sources of unrest and the possibilities of disorder in her outlying dominions will be greatly diminished. It is easy to speak of Tibet, the troubles that China encountered there are only very slightly and indirectly connected with the change of government, and then only in so far as, during and after the revolution, the authorities of Szechuan found other matters to occupy their attention. While the Republicans were laying claim to the country of the Szechuan-Tibet borderland, the Tibetans were accumulating strength to defeat the ill-equipped and mismanaged Republican expedition—that was to be sent against them. On that side (apart from what the Simla Conference may eventually achieve) it is only as the assumption of the people by Yuan Shikai gradually establishes firm and ordered government in China itself that it will affect the situation. In Mongolia, however, we may venture to look for direct fruits from the change of government. It seems an anomalous situation, to say the least, that an elected President should be the overlord of hereditary princes, and it is not to be wondered at that some of these princes have found the position galling and that unrest has been created.

China Mail

Canton-Hankow Railway

It is satisfactory to learn from the Report of the British and Chinese Corporation that "work on the Wuchang-Hankow section of the Hankow-Canton Railway is proceeding without interruption." Railway construction in China generally is being severely handicapped by lack of capital due to the war, but so far as the British and Chinese Corporation is concerned it is evidently doing its best to maintain the valuable contract it holds. If the work on the Hankow-Canton railway continues to maintain its present rate of progress we understand the Chinese Government looks forward to through communication being established between the two terminal points within the next five years. That it will be possible for the double line in Hongkong or Canton to reach Peking in something like the same time as we shall be able to transport ourselves by rail to the continent of Europe is a prospect that cannot be said to be altogether unwelcome.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Champion Typist.
Miss Margaret R. Owen has recently become the professional typewriting champion of the world, having typed at a competition held in New York on October 25 more than 8,000 words in sixty minutes and setting up a new record of 136 words per minute.

The Mikado's Thanks.
The Emperor of Japan, through the Japanese Ambassador, has conveyed to the Lord Mayor an expression of his deep appreciation of the felicitations addressed to him by the citizens of London on the occasion of his coronation.

Rubber Boots for the Troops.
Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 15.—Sir E. T. Brockman has received a telegram from Sir W. Taylor stating that Mr. Malcolm Cumming is raising funds to provide rubber knee boots for the troops. £1,200 has already been collected. Mr. Cumming asks the States to contribute.

Vaccination in Siam.
The number of people who have been vaccinated by the

vaccinators sent out by the Ministry of the Interior in Siam has now reached a million. In the latter half of October they were at work in nine months and vaccinated 28,081 persons. The total number is now 1,014,518.

A Chinese Sentenced to Death in London.

Lee Kien, twenty-seven, a Chinese seaman, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court on 17th ult. of the wilful murder of Elsie Goddard, alias Clara Thomas, by stabbing her with a knife on Oct. 16 at New-alley, Limehouse, and Mr. Justice Darling sentenced him to death.

Mr. Bryan's Programme.
Washington, November 6.—It now appears to be certain that it is the intention of Mr. Bryan to fight the "preparedness programme" in the coming Session of Congress, and that he will carry on a bitter war at the next Convention in an effort to defeat the re-nomination of Mr. Wilson for the Presidency.

The Late Captain Ching.
We regret to learn, says the *L. and C. Express* of the death of Capt. Lawrence Ching, R.N., which took place on November 17 at Leningrad. Capt. Ching, who was retired in his 73rd year. He was for some years in the Chinese Navy, when the navy had some pretensions to being a force, due to the work of the deceased officer, Capt. Lang, and others.

German Sailors from Guam.
Honolulu, November 6.—Lieut. Voneloup, of the German army, one of the officers of the German gunboat *Cormoran*, interned at Guam, was a passenger on the army transport *Logan*, which arrived here to-day. Voneloup and three of the *Cormoran's* sailors, two of them insane and one ill, are on their way to report to the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard.

Praise from Ben Tillett is Praise Indeed.

Mr. Ben Tillett, in a war lecture on November 14, extolled the bravery of the Prince of Wales at the front. "There is a youngster out there," he said, "who does not seem to have any fear. He goes through where the mud is thickest and the danger greatest, accompanied by other officers, one of whom remarked, 'It is all very well for him, but if he were killed, we would be blamed.'"

Singapore Mortality Returns.
The rate of mortality in the Settlement of Singapore for the week ended December 11 was 23.9 per mille of the population. The total number of deaths was 153, of which 101 were male subjects and 52 female. Convulsions claimed 21, phthisis 29 and malaria fever 13. The highest number of adult deaths, 28, took place between the ages of 25 and 35. The deaths under three months numbered 30 and between that age and one year 12. Three Europeans died, 5 Eurasians, 107 Chinese, 25 Malays and 21 Indians.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The late Sir Allen Young.
The death took place in London on 20th ult. of Sir Allen William Young, C.B., C.V.O., one of the last of the very few survivors of the Franklin search expeditions of 50 years ago. We may recall that in his earlier career Sir Allen assisted Admiral Osborn to equip the European-Chinese Navy, and commanded the *Queen-tung* man-of-war during the Taiping Rebellion, 1862-64.

A Life of Swinburne.
Mr. Edmund Gosse has practically finished his "Life of Swinburne," which will be published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co. Owing to the war, however, the publication of this work will be delayed, and in the meantime Mr. Gosse is preparing for the press the posthumous writings of Swinburne in verse and prose. These will be followed at a still later date by a volume of Correspondence.

An Echo of the Russo-Japanese War.
The remains of over 600 Japanese officers and men, who were either killed in battle or died of disease during the Russo-Japanese war, have been discovered in a Buddhist temple in Mukden, according to the *Manchuria Daily News*. For eleven years these bodies have been lying behind the image of the Buddha, neglected but not forgotten, owing to the frequent changing of the priest in charge. It is said to be on record that the bodies were placed in the custody of the Buddhist priests by the General Headquarters of the Manchurian Army. The Japanese military authorities have now been notified and they will be interred with due military ceremony, at the war memorial, Mukden.

A Tairing Wedding.
A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Gospel Hall, Taiping, recently, the contracting parties being Mr. Herbert Raymond Koenigs, of Messrs. Whitesway, Leidlau, and Co., Ltd., Ipoh, third son of the late Mrs. A. L. Koenigs of Singapore, and Miss Gladys Louise Olga Leach, youngest daughter of Mrs. Julia Leach of Taiping. The officiating minister was Mr. H. F. Marks, who was assisted by Mr. E. Tipson of Penang. Mr. H. G. C. Leach was best man. The bride was given away by Mr. A. L. Jumeaux, assistant engineer. Lieut. Miss Maribel Velje, of Kuala Kangsar, was the bridesmaid.

Spiritualists Fined.
A man and woman named Pixon, two of the lesser fry of the professional spiritualist class, were convicted at the Manchester City Police Court of fortune telling, and fined £10 each or in default two months' imprisonment. They held their seances at the Spiritual Hall, Every Street, Ancoats, two persons being charged for admission. A large number of women attended daily, bringing with them articles belonging to absent soldiers. These were handed to the women, who, professing by supernatural revelation, then pretended to give information concerning the present and future of the owners. For this a further fee was charged.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Splendid Opportunity.
The Dutch Consul at Penang, Mr. Van der Woude, according to a trade paper has repeatedly drawn the attention of his countrymen and of the Amsterdam Press to the splendid opportunity for "cutting in" here and taking all the trade formerly belonging to the Germans. There is a scarcity of cigarette papers, soap, perfumes, enamel ware, porcelain ware, toys of all descriptions, firearms, pedal and motor cycles, and even motor cars.

Japan's New "Time" Method.
The Japanese Central Meteorological Observatory, we learn from the *Osaka Mainichi*, has decided to introduce a new method in naming time after the New Year. The existing words, the morning, afternoon, evening, night, a.m., p.m., etc. will be done away with, and time will simply be called by the consecutive numerical order throughout the twenty-four hours of the day. Thus the expression, "at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 10th," will be contracted to "at 15 o'clock on the 10th." All the meteorological observations in Japan will go by this rule from next year. The system has already been in use for some time in scientific circles in Italy and France.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1915.

AN "INTERESTING" POLITICAL SITUATION.

"Interesting" is the term which Reuter's wire of yesterday applies to the political situation at Home—perhaps for want of an adjective that would describe it more closely. From the British public's point of view the interest is of a sorry nature. Indeed, without any wish to seem unduly pessimistic, we feel that Home politics have now reached the poorest position that has fallen to their lot since war broke out. Nor is the reason far to seek. No good has ever come out of compromise—and it is on compromise that our Cabinet system in these days is founded. Nor is it too much to say that more than half the members of the Government have one eye on the war and the other on future parliamentary elections, the consequence being that each is more or less afraid of giving offence to the electors and more or less determined to keep in with all parties. A Government of lawyers means a Government of talkers and of opportunists; of men who can be far-seeing where their own interests are concerned and mysteriously short-sighted where the Empire's best interests are at stake.

From the very day on which Britain was first threatened with war, it became evident that no Radical Government would ever be able to handle the situation. The Cabinet of that time showed its wisdom by acknowledging its own incapacity—as it did by putting itself in the hands of a non-Radical War Minister, Earl Kitchener. But that was not enough, and, before many months had passed, the country practically demanded the dismissal of certain members of the still Radical Cabinet and the supplanting of them by Conservatives. We all know what followed. Looking back, it will seem to most of us that, had the country refused to listen to suggestions of compromise, had it asked for a clean sweep of the old Ministry, it would be better off to-day. It is but fair to say that there were honest and patriotic men on both sides of the House who, while they realised that matters could not go on as they then were, yet conscientiously believed that "anything" was better than a general election. The most that any of the non-Radical party dared hope for the Coalition was that it would be able to stage off an election till after the war.

But, after all, is that election going to be staged off? In every political camp there is dissatisfaction, and in all sections of the community there is a greater or less lack of confidence in the Government as it stands. Reuter quotes one of the London papers as suggesting that Mr. Asquith should make way for Mr. Lloyd George; but that, again, would be, at best, but to continue the patchwork system which has been going on in the Cabinet since the Coalition was first arranged. Admittedly Mr. Lloyd George is too useful a man to be left out of any future Cabinet, it is thinkable that Mr. Asquith might be spared without extreme disadvantage to the Empire. As before, every man of sense will long to see a general election avoided if possible; but can things go on as they are? Mr. Asquith told us several days ago that Lord Derby's recruiting scheme had proved an unqualified success—but he still refrains from giving us the number of new recruits, and there is still ample talk about compulsion. If the success, why the compulsion? Similarly, weeks ago, we were given to understand that the munitions problem had been finally and satisfactorily solved; that the factories were putting out "an unending stream"; and now we have Mr. Lloyd George practically on his knees before a mob of trade unionists, imploring them to remain loyal to their country and to their brethren in the trenches! And what of the promises made to Serbia, and not fulfilled? The country is being made to look ridiculous in the eyes of foreigners and—worse still—men's lives are being wasted and the war is being prolonged through the Government's mismanagement. If all this cannot be altered by a general election, the country will be in a most deplorable position when the war is over.

The Next Premier.

During the recent past we have heard quite a deal as to the possibility of Mr. Asquith's being superseded in the Premiership by Mr. Lloyd George, and the suggestion is now repeated in rather outspoken terms by the Observer. Apart altogether from the particular circumstances in which the idea is now put forward, the mere fact of its being advocated is an interesting indication of the extent to which the Minister of Munitions has grown in popularity with the public. Less than a couple of years back, the very people who are now holding up Mr. Lloyd George as the idol of the nation could find nothing bitter enough to say of him. It has been a truly wonderful transformation which has taken place. On the point of Mr. Lloyd George's rapid rise to power and influence, a reader recalls to us a peculiarly interesting forecast made by a Welsh acquaintance of his quite twenty years ago. Discussing political developments of the day, this prophet, who seems to have been gifted with an uncanny measure of foresight, declared that there was a little man in Wales by the name of Lloyd George who would "wake up English people up" and would one day become the Prime Minister.

Then and Now.

The listener well remembers how he laughed the idea to scorn, but as he harks back in memory to those far-off days and realises the situation as it is to-day, he admits that the laugh is on the other side now. When that apparently reckless forecast was uttered, Mr. Lloyd George was an obscure, unknown man. How wonderfully near the truth the prognostication was we can begin to see now; how far it will fall short of actual fulfilment or whether indeed it will not work out to the very letter, we must leave to the near future to decide. It may, of course, have been a mere chance prophecy, likely to be confounded by future happenings; in which case, it would probably never have been recalled. As it is, our reminiscence reader now has a holy respect for the memory of a friend who would seem to have possessed an almost supernatural capacity for looking into the future. Which provides the exception to the generally truthful observation that a prophet is not without honour save in his own country.

Our Chance.

It is gratifying to observe that the Board of Trade has arranged another British Trade Fair, which is to be held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in February. The idea is to provide opportunities for the placing of contracts in toys, fancy goods, china, earthenware goods, glass-ware and printing stationery, and there is no doubt that wholesale houses will largely avail themselves of this means of getting into close touch with our own manufacturers. It is worth noting that the Fair is being confined to a class of goods in which, in the past, the Germans have held almost undisputed sway. But the war has at least shown that the British manufacturer, when given the chance, can produce as good an article, if not indeed a better one, than his erstwhile rival. And it is comforting to realise that opportunity is being taken of the enforced disappearance of German competition to push purely British goods to the fore.

N. Y. K. BOATS

To Use the Cape Route.

The N. Y. K. inform us that they have been telegraphically advised by their Head Office in Tokyo that they have decided for the s.s. Kamo Maru, Kasuma Maru, Sanki Maru and Wakasa Maru, all ordered bound for Europe, to proceed, after Colombo, via Durban, Capetown, Madras and thence to London. Marseilles will therefore not be called at, and the Company is not, for the present, to accept cargo and passengers to that port.

DAY BY DAY

TO EVERY MAN UPON THIS EARTH DEATH COMETH SOON OR LATE.
AND HOW CAN MAN DISBETTER THAN FACING FEARFUL ODDS FOR THE ASHES OF HIS FATHERS AND THE TEMPLES OF HIS GODS?—Macaulay.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 55; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 63; fine.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Singkiang 3 p.m.
Siberian Mail—Due to-day per s.s. Nankin.
American Canadian and Siberian Mails—Closed to-day per s.s. Shinyo Maru 11 a.m.
English Mail—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Nankin 2 p.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 7/8.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 50th birthday of Rodyard Kipling.

Larceny from a House.
A Chinese smah, of 4, Carnarvon Terrace, Kowloon, has reported to the police that some person has entered the house and stolen money and articles to the total value of \$135.

An Absconding Coolie.
A shopkeeper of Ki Ling Lay Street has reported to the police that his coolie, who collected various sums from different shops amounting to \$131.70, has absconded with the money.

Voyage Reports.
The s.s. Moresby arrived from Saigon this morning, having taken ten days to do the run. She experienced very bad weather throughout. The s.s. Singan from Shanghai, reports fine, clear weather.

A Dangerous Substance.
Mr. Agassiz, who appeared to-day at the Police Court for two Chinese charged with possessing and conveying a dangerous substance, supposed to be oil of vitriol, applied for a remand which was granted.

Theft of \$650.
A Chinese named Mak Yachi, managing partner in the firm of He Lee Lung, a coal shop, has informed the police that men employed by them who were entrusted with the collection of certain monies, during the past year have absconded with \$650.

Unlawful Possession of Opium.
Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with having 15 taels of opium in his possession, of the value of \$120. A Chinese Revenue officer stated that he saw the defendant coming from a boat on to the Praya. Witnesses ran after him and caught him. A fine of \$1,000 was imposed, or two months' imprisonment.

An Interpretation Confirmed.
The telegram received yesterday announcing the sinking of a number of steamers concluded with the words "Belgrade ministers Beersart, seven saved." We concluded that "Belgrade" was a misinterpretation for "Belgian," indicating the nationality of the steamer. A correction received to-day from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company confirms our conclusion.

A Disturbance.
A Chinese unemployed seaman was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with creating a disturbance and assaulting the mistress of a brothel. Inspector O'Sullivan stated that apparently the man was drunk when he went to the house, and after he had been told a certain inmate had gone to the theatre he assaulted the mistress. Defendant was found over in \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

Coming Wedding.
We understand that the wedding of Mr. A. Courne, of the Tramway Company, and Mrs. Sutherland, is to take place during the latter part of next month. Mr. Courne, who has resided in the Colony for some twelve years, is extremely well-known, and he will have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends for his future happiness. Mrs. Sutherland, it will be remembered, was a passenger by the ill-fated Yatsuka Maru, and she is due here on January 24 by the s.s. Ando.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE INDIAN TROOPS.

Submarine Warfare.

If Germany's navy is in hiding, the offshoots of it—the submarines—are still a good deal more in evidence than one would like to see. The haul reported in yesterday's cables was uncomfortably large and included a ship well known in this colony: the Ville de la Geste; a passenger boat, be it remarked. A later wire from the U.S. consul at Port Said confirms the original statement that the Yatsuka Maru was sunk without warning, even though she made no attempt to escape. The actual loss in tonnage in all these cases is a secondary consideration, if the allies are determined (as they naturally must be) that Germany shall subsequently make good, ship for ship, all the senseless waste she has caused. It is with the reckless attitude of our enemy towards the risking or the sacrificing of the lives of unarmed persons that we are most concerned. As usual there are plenty of silly people ready to ask: "What is our fleet doing to allow all this?" Does it not occur to those good souls that even a fleet as large and efficient as the British cannot be everywhere at one time, and that terrible though our loss in tonnage continues to be, it is better that we should lose ships than that the German fleet should be left free to bombard the British coast.

The Indian Soldiers.

The removal of the Indian troops from France gives us the two encouraging items of information that our line in the West is strong enough to be able to afford their withdrawal, and that some other line is going to be very materially strengthened. The line that gets the Indians is lucky. They were valuable men even when they were first called to the front; how much more valuable are they now, after a year or more of experience of active services under up-to-date conditions? Wherever they may be sent they will continue to uphold the traditions of loyalty and valour which one associates with them, and we may take it that the enemy troops with whom they are now going to deal will find them somewhat unpleasant neighbours.

The German Socialists.

Our old friend Vorwärts still persists in giving the world some useful information as to how these Germans love one another. There is some use in the Socialists after all, though we never looked to live to admit it. If they can be instrumental in giving Wilhelm a little more rough road to home, we are quite content. At present, it seems, ten of them are being tried at Karlsruhe for high treason, while three others of the fraternity are accused of "incitement to revolt." It seems hard lines that the poor wretches should be pulled up on such a charge. Who, that had ten cents' worth of spirit in him, would not revolt against a system which is starving and slaying the German population by wholesale? With anything like reasonable luck, the German Government will make another of its notorious blunders in handling these malcontents, and the result will be that, where there was one anti-war man before, there will soon be fifty.

BRITISH TRADE FAIR.

The Board of Trade will hold a British Trade Fair, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, on the lines adopted at the last Fair. An exhibition of samples of British Manufacture exhibited by manufacturers in order to place contracts limited to toys, fancy goods, china, earthenware goods, glass-ware, printing stationery, will be opened on February 21 and will be kept open for 12 days. Prospective buyers should communicate direct with the Board of Trade, British Industries Fair, 22, Oldspire Lane, E.C.4.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 29, 1914.

The Question of Japanese Intervention.

A Tokyo message says the Mikado has dissolved Parliament, refusing the credits proposed for the occupation of Korea (Chosen). The Tempe declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the suggested despatch of Japanese troops to Europe; on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very actively pursued for the armed intervention of the Japanese Army in Europe.

Zeppelins Fank British Guns.

The British swiftly outmanoeuvred the submarines, while the guns of H.M.S. Undaunted and Arethusa easily put the Zeppelins to flight. The British vessels remained for three hours off the enemy's coast, without the enemy's appearing and without being harmed. Six of the British airmen returned safely, but Flight Commander Hewlett's aeroplane was seen to be wrecked and his fate is unknown. British bombs were discharged on points of military significance. The damage, however, cannot be estimated.

LOCAL.

German Arms for Hongkong.

Lai Tong was a ship's cook who undertook to bring arms from Germany to Hongkong, although he professed to have arranged to take them to Tsingtau. A revenue officer on the 28th inst. found the runner in Connaught Road Central, in possession of a Mauser pistol, two revolvers and no less than 910 rounds of ammunition. He was taken to the police station and brought before Mr. Wood at the Police Court, this morning. His story to the Bench was:—"I was given the arms and ammunition in Hongkong to take to Tsingtau. When we arrived at Tsingtau the place was at war with Japan and I was not allowed there. The ship was obliged to go back to Turkey, where she remained three months. I then came in another steamer to Hongkong. I did not know it was illegal to bring them to Hongkong. I am a cook on board ship. The American Consul asked the British Consul in Turkey to allow me to go back by the Blue Funnel boat and I was allowed to do so."

His Worship:—What were you going back to Turkey for?

Defendant:—The German boat on board which I was employed was not allowed to go into Chinese waters, so she was obliged to remain in Turkey. It was only the eighth day after the steamer left Hamburg the Captain received a telegram saying there was war broken out and the steamer was afraid to go into the East and she went to Turkey and took shelter there.

His Worship:—Well, you are fined \$1,000 or three months' and those are confiscated.

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Measura Wright and Honby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows—

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The following copy of a letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor by the Hon. Secretary and Organiser of the Overseas Club, on the subject of the Airplane "Victoria, Hongkong," has been forwarded to us for publication—

The Overseas Club,
General Buildings,
Aldwych,
London, W.C.
23rd November, 1915.

His Excellency
Sir Francis H. May, K.C.M.G.,
Government House,
Hongkong.

Your Excellency.

We have much pleasure in sending you herewith an extract from a letter we have received from the War Office, giving some details of the activities of the Airplane "Victoria, Hongkong," which was so generously presented by the residents of Hongkong—

"Victoria, Hongkong."

"This machine has mainly been used for co-operation with artillery, but has also been out on reconnaissance."

In July, when over the enemy's territory, it was attacked by two German machines, both of which were driven off.

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The enemy lost ground in climbing but was still in range. Attacking again, another half drum was fired, and for the rest of the flight the German machine kept within moderate range.

While the pilot of "Victoria, Hongkong" completed the reconnaissance, the observer fired two or three rounds occasionally to prevent the enemy from closing"—I am, etc.

(Sd.) E. WRENCH,
Hon. Secretary & Organiser.

BOMB CASES.

Revolutionary Sent to Gaol.

Before Mr. Wood at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of seven bomb cases which he said he had brought up from Manila with a view to taking revolutionary measures in Canton and to assassinate General Lang.

Mr. Hind, who was representing the defendant, said he understood the defendant had practically pleaded guilty.

After reading the statement made by the defendant, Mr. Wood said he regarded it as a very serious matter, and defendant would be sent to prison for 12 months.

Another Case.

A Chinese, charged before Mr. J. E. Wood at the Police Court this morning with unlawfully possessing 15 bomb cases, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Goldring applied for a remand which was granted, bail being fixed at \$1,000.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR PASSING THROUGH.

Included in the passenger list of the N.Y.K. liner Kasuma Maru, which arrived in port this morning, are Ambassador and Madame Matsui, together with their two children, who are on their way to Marseilles.

Mr. Matsui is to be the new Japanese Ambassador to France. For three years he has held the position of Vice-Minister in the Foreign Office in Japan, and has only lately received the appointment which he is now going to occupy.

TELEGRAMS

WINTERY WEATHER.

Wales Isolated.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")
London, December 29.
The gale continues to be general throughout the British Isles, and damage is reported everywhere. Wales is practically isolated telegraphically and telephonically. Hundreds of roofs of houses have been ripped off.

THE KOWLOON TRUCK ACCIDENT.

Prisoner's Trial at the Sessions.

A sequel to the fatal truck accident which took place at Cameron Road, Kowloon, on November 19, and by which Miss Eadith Maria Rosa Pereira, last her life, was forthcoming before the Police Judge at the Criminal Sessions this morning when a truck coiled named Yeung Wong, was charged with manslaughter.

Mr. G. N. Orme conducted the case for the prosecution the prisoner being unrepresented.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty. The following were empanelled on the jury:

Messrs. James Graham Carrway, (foreman), William Robert Oswald, Frank Gordon Herridge, Philip Stanley Cassidy, Alvares F. B. Rozario, Alfred W. D. Gibbs, and Francis T. K. V. Wal.

In opening the case, Mr. Orme said the facts were quite simple. In the early morning of November 19 a heavily laden truck, filled with baskets of red earth, was coming down from Yau-mat-si along Nathan Road, and turned the corner by Watson's Dispensary into Cameron Road. In turning the corner the truck unfortunately came into contact, either through the leading ropes or by the cart itself with the deceased lady, who received such injuries as to cause her death. The truck was in charge of six coolies, of whom two were behind and four on the ropes in front, prisoner being one of those in front. As they knew, the road from the direction of Yau-mat-si sloped downwards, and a truck would, unless properly controlled, attain a high speed—and that was the point on which the case stood, so far as it became a case of manslaughter, owing to the speed being either excessive or negligent. They would have to take in consideration the fact that the prisoner was on the front ropes and would not have such a control over the truck as the men on the handles. In law all people concerned in the driving of the truck were responsible. Mr. Orme went on to say that it was to protect the public that they wanted a fatal case of that character brought before a jury for them to consider whether there was negligence or not.

Dr. Woodman spoke to examining the deceased and went on to describe the injuries. He thought that a normal speed for such a truck to be travelling would be about four miles an hour, but he thought that to have caused such injuries he found, the truck must have been going at a greater speed than that.

Evidence as to the facts, which we reported fully when the case was before the Magistrate, was also given.

The prisoner, in his statement, said that a dust cart was in the way to prevent them turning the truck. It was no fault of his that the lady was knocked down. The owner of the truck, whose duty it was to look after the brakes, ought to have been person in the dock.

After only a short consultation, the jury returned a verdict of "Not guilty" and the prisoner was discharged.

Among the passengers who left to-day by the Nanyang Maru were Mr. H. A. Nair, Mr. B. D. F. Smith, Mr. T. S. Forrest and Mr. F. S. Thomas.

CORRESPONDENCE

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

AN ENQUIRY.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—May I be permitted to ask, through the columns of your paper, if any of your readers are acquainted with works of reference dealing with the geology of Hongkong and South China? They would assist a student by naming any such works.

Yours, etc.,
DEVONIAN,
Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1915.

"LEFT BY A FRIEND."

A Prosecution Which Failed.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, with unlawfully possessing 200 rounds of ammunition. His plea was that a friend from California had gone to his shop and left something under the bed.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida represented the defendant.

It was stated that defendant is the manager of the Yik Tai, a firm dealing in indigo, and that Detective Sergeant Clark with P. C. Shannon, and two Chinese detectives visited No. 9, Queen's Road, where the ammunition was found on top of a box under the bed.

Defendant stated that a friend had visited him, bringing with him some luggage, which he had left behind. His friend did not tell him what the luggage contained, but said he would write him about it. Defendant added that he had paid Messrs. Butterfield and Swire \$10,000 during the year for freight.

Defendant was discharged.

RESISTED THE POLICE.

Two Years for Manslaughter.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, the Police Judge gave judgment in the case of the Chinese named Un Kang, who was found guilty yesterday of the manslaughter of a Chinese constable named Ling Ki at Union Wharf, on October 27.

Mr. G. N. Orme again appeared for the prosecution and Mr. J. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. P. S. Dixon) was for the defence.

The Police Judge said that from the evidence it seemed that the prisoner resisted the lawful search of the constable and used insulting language, and a scuffle resulted. It seemed to be certain that he had no intention whatever of throwing the constable into the sea or causing him grievous hurt. But he had caused the death of a man and must be punished, although he (the Judge) was going to take into consideration his previous good character and the fact that he had been kept in prison for two months. He sentenced prisoner to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-morrow's Meeting.

The business at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council concerns 1. Financial Minutes. 2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 17.)

Orders of the day are as under:—

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the fees to be paid in this Colony in respect of various things and matters to be granted or done under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1912.

THE CHINESE MONARCHY

Vice-President Declines Title of Prince.

A list of the names of prominent persons who are to be created nobles has been drawn up by the Government, and it is expected that a Mandate to the effect will be issued within the next few days, say the Peking Daily News. Among those in the list are Mr. Han Shih-chang, the Secretary of State, Mr. Tsoo Chi-jui, the ex-Minister of War, and the Marching Prince Pu Lum, the newly appointed Chairman of the Tsan Ching Yuan. The other names have not yet been disclosed.

In response to the Mandate issued on Wednesday creating the Vice-President the Wu Yi Prince, Mr. Li Yuan-hung on the following day submitted to the President a Memorial in which he stated, "The founding of this flowerly nation was entirely executed by the Person on High, while I, Li Yuan-hung, only tagged to His Excellency's train and could in no way speak of anything like merit. Therefore, I feel ashamed to accept the glorious reward of the title of nobility and sincerely beseech your Excellency to withdraw your great order."

Approval of the Late Dynasty.

The Cheng Shih Tang reports that the Acting Li Fa Yuan has received the following document from the Tsing Imperial Household:—

"To-day we have received an Edict to the following effect:—In December 1911, Empress Lang Yung Yu entrusted President Yuan Shih-kai with full power for the organisation of a republican form of government. After the Republic was formally established, His Excellency was elected by the whole of the people as the President of the country. An experience of four years in the administration has proved that the republican form of government is unsuitable to the conditions of the country. Should the change not promptly take place, trouble in the future would be overwhelming. In consequence, the acting Li Fa Yuan in compliance with the request of the people has framed and promulgated the law governing the organisation of the People's Representative Convention, and thereby the monarchical form of government has been determined and the President has been nominated as the Great Emperor of the Chung Hua Empire by the Representatives of the entire body of the citizens of the country. This is the way to secure permanent peace in the land and to give renewed animation to the nation, to which the Tsing Imperial Household hereby expresses complete agreement.

Regarding the form of Government, the people have now decided upon the establishment of a Constitutional Monarchy. The Agreement of Good Treatment for the Tsing Imperial House has been incorporated in the Provisional Constitution and it will not undergo any change in the future. When the permanent Constitution is drawn up later on, the said Agreement will be appended thereto and will always remain in force.

Interesting Decisions.

According to a native contemporary the following matters in connection with the inauguration of the monarchy have been decided:—

1.—The name of the dynasty will be "Chung Hwa Ti Kuo."

2.—The name of the reign will be "Wu An."

3.—National flag similar to the flag of Republic with a red laurel wreath in the middle.

4.—The Imperial costume will consist of crown and Imperial robe but altered slightly with other designs.

5.—A new Imperial Seal will be cast bearing in the middle the words "Shun Ming Yi Tien," "Chi Shun Yan Chang," Ordained by Heaven, everlasting and prosperous may the dynasty be.

6.—The system of the Imperial Household will be somewhat identical with that of the Ching Dynasty.

7.—The appointment of queen and prince of succession will be decided after the enthronement.

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INDIAN MURDER CHARGE.

Prisoners Sentenced to 15 Years' Imprisonment.

The trial was resumed this morning at the Criminal Sessions, before the Chief Justice, of Ghaiger Singh and Bela Singh, for the alleged murder of an Indian watchman at Hungghom. The first prisoner, on oath, spoke to discovering the relations between his wife and deceased. He admitted tying the rope round the deceased's body to lower it out of the window. They struck the deceased because he was disgracing them by his relations with the woman. He did not strike deceased previously when he found him misconducting himself because witness' brother-in-law was not there. He was quite sure that deceased was dead when they lowered him out of the window, and that was some seven hours after striking him. He had left the body in the cookhouse during that time while they were on duty. He knew that the bone in the neck was fractured by the jerk of the rope when they first put the body through the window. Deceased was a heavy man. When he came in he had no turban on, which was an insult.

The second prisoner, having been sworn, was asked his age. He replied:—"I know nothing about my age. My father may know, my sister may know. They are all older than me." He went on to corroborate the evidence of the first prisoner, saying deceased was drunk when he came in. When they struck him he dropped down and later they found he was dead. When they struck him they did not mean to kill him but only to frighten him away.

In the course of his address to the jury, Mr. Jenkin said that Dr. Woodman—who was not present because he had the strength of a Government official—

His Lordship:—No, you must not say that. There is no discrimination drawn in these Courts between witnesses whether they are Government officials or otherwise.

His Lordship summed up on the lines that if the jury were of opinion that these two men, when the deceased entered the house, were so insulted by him, thereby, unintentionally if might be, causing his death—if the jury thought that they ought arrive at the conclusion that there was provocation enough to justify the charge being reduced to one of manslaughter. But if they found that the accused did not bring about his death at that time, but kept him for some hours, and afterwards hanged him, while still alive, it would be a clear case of murder.

The jury found both prisoners guilty of manslaughter.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said:—"The jury have taken a merciful view of the case, arriving at a conclusion with which I entirely agree, that you were labouring under provocation which would justify the reduction of the charge to one of manslaughter. If you or either of you had brought about the death of the deceased when you found him on the bed with your sister I should have taken a much more lenient view of the crime, but you brooded over the matter and took the law into your own hands and it is an extremely serious offence to have taken the life of anyone. Notwithstanding the provocation you received, it is no justification. My duty is to pass upon you a severe sentence, telling you at the same time that you are fortunate in not being convicted of the more serious offence." Prisoners were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment each.

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posite the length of the wharf
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The s.s. Portico.

The M.M. steamer Portico,
sister ship of the Athos, will arrive
at Singapore on Monday, 27th, and
will probably be despatched for
Saigon on Tuesday morning. The
next M.M. steamer to come from
France will be La Coralliere,
followed by the Andre Lebon,
of the Paul Lacat type, but with
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The Peiho Accessible to Steamers.

According to a steamer entering
here from Tientsin, no drifting
ice floes are now seen in the River
Peiho, owing to the lingering
mild spell. The towing service
between Taku and Tientsin is
going on as usual, though all the
ice-breakers are ready for service.
No abridgment of water is noticed
in the River and nothing to im-
pede the navigation of vessels has
yet cropped up. The outward as
well as the inward goods are
found in plenty.

Fatal Panic on Passenger
Steamer.

Allahabad, November 14.—The
Pioneer's Cairo correspondent
gives the following interesting
account of the meeting of the s.s.
Borollos, of the Khedivial Mail
Line, with an Austrian submarine
in the Mediterranean. The steam-
er had picked up 32 of the crew of
the Sailor Prince, which had
been sunk a few hours previously
by a submarine. The captain of
the Borollos hoisted signals
stating that he was a pass-
enger steamer and that he had
women and children on board.
Two more warning shots
were fired by the sub-
marine, which was approaching
fast. The captain was trying his
best to stop his ship but, as she
still continued on her way, al-
though her propellers had ceased
revolving, the submarine fired a
shell across her bows, the prope-
llers falling about twenty yards
beyond and raising an enormous
jet of water. The firing of this
shell started a panic amongst the
passengers, who thought the
submarine was going to sink the
ship. A rush was made for the
boats, which were speedily filled,
but just as they were being
lowered over the side the native
members of the crew made a
dash for them and cutting the
ropes, jumped in them as they
dropped into the water. All the
passengers were thrown into the
sea and the terrible scene was
accentuated by the darkness that
had set in and by the fact that
some of the Levantine passengers
still remaining on board started
to throw their children into the
water and follow suit themselves.
Quite 100 persons were floundering
about in the water by the time
the submarine got alongside and
it was seen with infinite relief
that the crew of the latter was
endeavouring to save the drown-
ing people, especially the women
and children. Whilst they
were doing this the English
crew who had been taken on board
that afternoon were working
gallantly at the rescue of the
passengers and two of them
unfortunately were drowned in
the attempt. The captain of the
submarine (he and his crew were
Austrians) behaved exceedingly
well and eventually gave the
Borollos permission to continue
her journey. For some time the
ship waited in the hope of freeing
more of her passengers but at
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SHANGHAI	Choyshing	Sun. 2nd Jan. at 4 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Tues. 4th Jan. at noon
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Namsang	Tues. 4th Jan. at 3 p.m.
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Fookshing	Wed. 5th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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London & Marseilles via Ports	Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	13, Jan.
London and Bombay etc.	Novara	P. & O.	14, Jan.

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San Francisco & American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	8, Jan.
San Francisco	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	9, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle etc.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	15, Jan.
Boston & New York	Kashimaba	B. L. L.	15, Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	25, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle etc.	Awa M.	N. Y. K.	25, Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	31, Jan.
Vancouver	E. of Japan	C. P. R.	2, Feb.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	9, Feb.
San Francisco	Tjisondari	J. C. J. L.	11, Feb.
San Foo via Manila & Japan etc.	Tenryo M.	T. K. K.	15, Feb.
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R.	16, Feb.
Vancouver	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	23, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	23, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3, Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Anyo M.	T. K. K.	11, Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoon	J. C. J. L.	13, Mar.
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San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	14, Apr.

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Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21, Jan.
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Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Aldensham	G. L. Co.	23, Feb.
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Singapore	Fookshing	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
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Shanghai	Simkiang	B. & S.	30, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	30, Dec.
Tientsin	Euichow	B. & S.	30, Dec.
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Haiphong	Takshang	J. M. Co.	1, Jan.
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Batavia	Tjisondari	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
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Manila, etc.	Taming	B. & S.	4, Jan.
Haiphong	Katlong	B. & S.	4, Jan.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Fookshing	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
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Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Kikura M.	N. Y. K.	5, Jan.
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Sungking. Br. ste. 967, J. Robinson, 23rd Dec.—Haiphong, 20th Dec.—Gen.—R. & S.

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Salamis. Br. ste. 4508, D. Gardner, 24th Dec.—Cape Town, 1st Nov.—Gen.—B. & S.

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Touman. Chinese ste. 945, J. Mackie, 24th Dec.—Shanghai, 21st Dec.—Gen.—C. M. S. S. Co.

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Yei Maru, Jap. ste. 1624, N. Nishikawa, 24th Dec.—Wakatsuki, 20th Dec.—Gen.—B. & S.

Takshang. Br. ste. R. A. Matthews, 24th Dec.—Haiphong, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Taiyo Maru, Jap. ste. 1630, T. Funoto, 24th Dec.—Tientsin, 19th Dec.—Gen.—M. B. K.

Phampanh. Br. ste. 1165, N. C. Bird, 24th Dec.—Saigon, 20th Dec.—General—Order.

Chuan Maru, Jap. ste. 1006, J. Oka, 24th Dec.—Haiphong, 24th Dec.—Rice—Chinese.

Namsang. Br. ste. 2591, H. E. Gilroy, 24th Dec.—Calcutta, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Loongsang. Br. ste. 1093, Leach, 27th Dec.—Manila, 24th Dec.—Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Jade. Fr. ste. 385, Langum, 27th Dec.—Hobow, 26th Dec.—Gen.—Order.

Manila Maru, Jap. ste. 6031, Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Shanghai, 25th Dec.—Gen.—O. S. K.

Chipsing. Br. ste. 1197, H. G. N. Walker, 28th Dec.—Wai-hai-wai, 22nd Dec.—Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Diva. Norw. ste. 633, J. Jorgensen, 27th Dec.—Singapore, 25th Dec.—Rice—T. & O.

Colombo Maru, Jap. ste. 2581, O. Sakamoto, 27th Dec.—Singapore, 15th Dec.—Gen.—N. Y. K.

Derwent. Br. ste. 1567, J. Jenkins, 28th Dec.—Saigon, Rice—Chinese.

Haiyang. Br. ste. 1267, A. E. Hodgins, 28th Dec.—Saigon, 23rd Dec.—Rice—Chinese.

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R. & S.	Hyson	6,608	Dec. 31	Singapore
S. T. & Co.	Kathlamba	4,104	1, Dec.	New York
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	3,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Kutsang		Jan. 1	Calcutta
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,227	Jan. 2	Yokohama
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P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tibodas		Jan. 4	Malakassar
B. & S.	Helenus	7,555	Jan. 5	Singapore
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J. C. J. L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,585	Jan. 7	Australia
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P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
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N. Y. K.	Sawa Maru	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
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P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 28	London
G. L. & Co.	Aldensham	3,808	Jan. 30	Australia
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T. K. K.	Tenryo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
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N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
E. & O.	Jongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
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Tjikembang	JAVA	7th Apr.	11th Apr.	do

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AT THE FRONT.

A Hongkong Lad's Interesting Letter.

The following letter has been received by a well-known Hongkong resident from his son, who is serving at the front:—

My dear Father

Just a few lines to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. You have not heard from me for some time now, so, although I suppose mother has posted you with my doings, I'll let you know how the world has treated me—not so bad on the whole. I am thankful to be alive, as far as that goes, as there are not many of my pals left. Well, dad, what do you think of this war? Isn't it the giddy limit? I don't know what to think at all. I heard the Rev. B. J. Campbell of the City Temple give an address on the subject of the constancy of Christianity with War. It was wonderful; previously I had thought, or began to think, that the Christian creed must be a fabrication, but although I am seldom influenced by the eloquence of people, I changed my opinion after digesting his sermon. Although I do not agree with him as to the end of the war being Armageddon, I certainly believe some divine influence will be at work, not manifesting itself outwardly, but attaining its end by means of illness and disease. Ye Gods! if both sides keep on hammering at each other with the big guns, there will not be a man left on either side soon. This is not war, it's murder. It is not as though it was a good scrap in the open and one side had to give way—a fellow wouldn't mind fighting, but, hang it, who wants to be stationary like a seed dandelion and blown to the four winds by high explosives? I don't—"Up and over," as we say, may be much more dangerous than staying under cover, but command me to a rush and the chance of a quick finish, than sticking in a trench waiting for something to come down and hit you. I had a pleasant surprise yesterday. Found a man out of my own section, my best man at that. He went right through the scrap in which I got wounded and had a lot to tell me. He has given me the poor old skipper's cap badge to keep.

There is not much news to let you have. I have grown thinner and, I am afraid, a great deal rougher, and have been taken for anything between twenty-five to thirty, fact, really. Of course, can't notice much myself but my face has hardened and my voice grown strangely sharp. It cannot be helped, father, but fifteen months continually hammering into the minds of the British Tommies the half understood mysteries of modern warfare, combined with an increasing element of personal danger, does not tend to soften either the face or the voice. There are grave responsibilities out in this place, and at times a man has to choose and choose quickly between certain death for himself and section, in the furtherance of an object to be attained by someone else, or hang tight in comparative safety and watch the others go out to their doom. Perhaps (it all depends on who is looking on) you may be complimented on the way you protected your men, when you know for certain that you ought to have gone out to draw the fire of the enemy and sent yourself and everybody to hell and back. —God! but it gets on one's nerves at times and you cannot help being a little dazed.

Well, goodbye, dad; cheer up and "carry on with the scrap." Always Your Affectionate Son.

THE YARN MARKET.

A Disappointing Fortnight.

Meersa, Polshwalla and Kotwall, in their report dated December 29, state:—

Immediately following the issue of our last circular, which is dated the 15th December, there was a sprinkling of enquiries for select styles to the extent of 2,000 bales at about the foregoing quotations. Barring this short spasm of demand, transactions, during the fortnight, have been few and far between, being confined to retail parcels of 20/50 bales; and, all told there has been no enlivening feature to the market, which has continued in almost the same disappointing state as previously reviewed. Monetary stringency is reported to prevail in the interior and tends to retard both clearances and fresh business. The immediate outlook is far from cheery and we do not look forward to any substantial improvement in business before the Chinese New Year.

The Bombay market has ruled quiet but on the firm side in sympathy with cotton.

Total sales 2000 bales. Stocks—Unsold and undelivered in the godowns 61,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Novara and extra str. Yeboshi, Umi and Bombay Maru from Bombay, have brought in 6,364 bales for Hongkong, and 6,013 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai, coast ports &c. 1,000 bales.

Shanghai.—Has been dull and featureless market. Japanese Yarn.—Sales as follows:—250 bales Yellow Jose No. 20s at \$129.

Raw Cotton.—Bengal, no stock; Chinese 175 (small) bales have been sold at \$33.50 per picul. Quotations:—Bengal at \$21 to \$28; Chinese at \$29 to \$34.

Yarn Review for 1915.

Though marked by violent fluctuations in prices, the year now coming to a close has been a fairly profitable one, both to foreign importers and to native dealers. It will be recalled that at the close of last year our market was in a deplorable state; when the majority of the native dealers were known to be very shaky. As the Chinese New Year approached, however, (in February) some of the dealers made desperate efforts to have a settlement with the importers, who on their part rather than bring about a general collapse of the trade had preferred to accept the terms submitted, thus enabling some of the principal dealers, on the resumption of business after the New Year, to start with a clean sheet. This settlement contributed in no small degree to the more sound trade conditions which obtained during the rest of the year.

Looking at the back files of our fortnightly circulars we find that the lowest point touched during the year was in March, when best "Tens" sold between \$89 and \$90 and best "Twenties" sold between \$90 and \$105. From the month of April and onward, prices began slowly to recover until the latter part of September, when the highest point of the year was touched, best "Tens" then reaching \$112 and "Twenties" \$142. During the latter month the excitement in the Bombay market, as well as in China, ran very high owing to reports of short crops of cotton. Fortunately, however, our local dealers were not carried off their feet and avoided launching out in large forward contracts as they had hitherto always done, when they learnt by bitter experience the disastrous effects of a sudden setback with large stocks on their hands still undispatched. Such a setback was not long in coming, the excitement having quite subsided by the middle of October when prices commenced steadily to recede.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state:—

Parades etc. Monday January 3rd No. 3 Company 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday January 4th No. 1 Company 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday January 5th No. 2 Company 5.30 p.m.

Thursday January 6th No. 4 Company and Recruits of all Companies 5.30 p.m.

Sunday January 9th. All inspectors and Sergeants will fire Part 2 of Musketry Course.

Equipment. All members requiring uniform or any alteration in their uniform are warned to attend the Central Police Station on Thursday, December 30th, between 5.15 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Defenders. Defenders will attend this office at 5 p.m. on Friday December 31st.

Appointments. Inspector Maw Fung is appointed to take command of No. 3 Company and Inspector Wong Kwong Tin of No. 4 Company. Both Companies will be under the command of Inspector J. M. Wong.

HOW DYNAMITE IS SECURED.

Interesting Case at the Police Court.

Before Mr. Hazelsaid at the Police Court this morning, two Chinese were charged with stealing two sticks of dynamite from the new Western Filter Beds.

A sub-contractor stated it was his duty to measure the holes and see what dynamite was required for blasting. He issued 10 sticks in all to the two defendants on December 28. The first defendant, who was given five and a half sticks, filled four holes, and was about to fill the fifth, which was a good way down, when he was arrested.

P. C. Shannon, who stated that he was watching the defendants, said there was no hole anywhere near the first defendant. He searched the first defendant and found one stick in his coat pocket. The second defendant was running away round the matted, and when he was caught he, also, was found with a stick in his possession.

The case was adjourned.

Storage Passengers.

The s.s. Ka-hima Maru, which arrived from the North to-day, brought down 50 Japanese and 11 Chinese storage passengers.

Below we append a comparative table of arrivals, sales, and deliveries, from which it will be seen that while the sales for the current year are about the same as those of 1914, the deliveries show an encouraging improvement of more than 20,000 bales.

	1914.	1915.
Arrivals	175,000	159,000
Sales	109,000	105,000
Deliveries	155,000	177,000

Comparative prices
10s \$80-\$97 \$90-\$105.
20s \$98-\$115 \$115-\$130.

In our last annual review we drew attention to the great strides which Japanese yarn has been making year by year. A special feature of the year just closing in this connection is that Japanese No. 20 has entirely driven out this count of Bombay yarn from the local market, so much so that during the past three months not a single bale of Indian 20s has been negotiated in the local market.

BRUTAL GERMAN SOLDIER.

Neglect of Wounded Prisoners.

An extraordinarily vivid narrative of ill-treatment accorded by the Germans to a French military doctor who fell into their hands appeared in the November number of the British Review.

Aide-Major X was left behind by the retreating French at Fosse in the Ardennes, on August 30, 1914, in charge of 200 wounded who could not be moved in time.

In spite of a conspicuous display of the Red Cross flag they were bombarded for half an hour, and many were re-wounded. A patrol of Uhlans then entered the village and Major X, advanced alone to meet them. Their officer, in answer to his claim for protection, replied that the wounded were nothing to him (his actual expression was much less refined), and told him he might go forward (no escort was allowed) and state his case to the officer commanding. Accordingly Major X, went on alone, and this was his reception:

On the road, about 150 metres ahead, a company of infantry was drawn up formed in fours with their officers in front. As soon as they saw me they covered me with their rifles. I continued to advance, waving my handkerchief and pointing to my Red Cross badge. When I got within speaking distance they called out to me to throw up my hands. I obeyed, and continued to advance with my hands held up above my head. Several shots were fired and I fell to the ground, a bullet having hit me above the right knee. A moment afterwards I was brutally dragged to my feet and violently beaten. My legs were pierced in three places by bayonet thrusts. Tied to a Tree.

Major X was then tied to a tree, while a dozen men were drawn up in front of him with loaded rifles. A German officer then took his pocket book and stole from him several bank notes and a photograph "as a souvenir." At this moment a volley was fired from a wood, and all the Germans advanced to the attack. Major X then managed to rid himself of his bonds.

New German troops then occupied the village, and when Major X claimed the protection of Geneva Convention the officers burst out laughing, and said the Convention held good only in time of peace.

He was then sent to Stenay with 100 wounded in 7 waggons, and he and two orderlies had to unload all the wounded and carry them upstairs while German soldiers looked on and smoked. Next day 180 wounded Frenchmen were brought in. They were laid out straw—"it would be more accurate to call it manure." Many of them had lain out for 4 or 5 days. There was no food, no dressing, and the water supply gave out on the third day. All the wounded were crying for food and drink, and begging to have their dressings changed. "Fortunately," says Major X, "I had with me a generous supply of morphine."

The Germans had supplied a few medical necessities, but it was not till the ninth day that he received enough dressings. A few wounded got a little soup and coffee; the remainder nothing. A military doctor to whom Major X appealed advised him to go out and kill a village pig, and when Major X replied that he might not leave the building under pain of death all the Germans said was "Evidently."

A French woman, notwithstanding threats, brutality, and shots fired at her, managed to scurry in milk and provisions. Major X was allowed to perform no operations, but a young German officer, who was anxious to perform a wound on his own account, took away one of the

ABERDEEN MANSLAUGHTER.

At the Criminal Sessions, this afternoon, the Chief Justice was engaged in hearing the charge of manslaughter against two Chinese named Tang Ming and Tang Tsin, who it was alleged caused the death of Tang Yik, at Aberdeen, on 1 December 1.

Mr. G. N. Orme conducted the case for the prosecution. Both prisoners denied the charge.

The jury was composed of the following:—Messrs. William Stewart (foreman), E. Merritt, Thomas L. Scott, J. L. M. de Rosario, M. C. Owen, J. M. G. Pereira, and U. C. Gallucci.

Mr. Orme said that the affair took place at a little village near Aberdeen. The inhabitants were practically solely engaged in growing vegetables for sale in Hongkong, and it was natural that great resentment would be felt if anyone were found stealing them. About 7 o'clock in the evening of December 1, a cry was raised that there was a thief in the garden, and the prisoners, with others ran out and found the deceased with a basket full of fresh-cut vegetables. All the men beat the man with bamboo poles, with the result that the man was laid out. The two prisoners afterwards went to the police station and asked for a constable to come and arrest the thief. When the constables got on the scene they found that the deceased was very badly knocked about and he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital when he died the same night. Evidence was then taken. The case was adjourned.

Up to the Minute.
No change.

my wounded who was suffering from a crushed foot, which might, in my opinion, have been cured without recourse to heroic measures. This doctor told me a few hours afterwards that he had amputated the limb, and when I expressed my indignation, he replied: "The matter does not concern you. I considered that it was necessary—besides, it makes one man the less in the war of the future."

Major X was now worn out with fatigue, loss of sleep, and the effect of his wounds. During the whole ten days he had to submit to moral torture of the acutest kind. He was overwhelmed with disgusting news—some true, some false. Twice drunken soldiers hauled him out of bed, and stood him for half an hour against a wall, while they insulted him and pointed rifles at him. He saw from his windows the systematic pillage of Stenay. Every evening women were dragged off to the stables near the barracks. He could hear their cries, and often the sound of firearms.

On Sept. 11 he was told that he would be liberated. He was sent to the colonel at Montmedy, who appeared to be a raving maniac. He and his two orderlies were imprisoned for two days with scarcely any food. On the second day they managed to collect some raw meat. For the fourth time he was placed against a wall and threatened with death. This time by the colonel, who said that he had fired upon the Germans.

He was then forced to walk 20 miles in excruciating pain from his wounds, and after 40 hours in the train with very little food arrived at Ingolstadt, where he remained a prisoner till March 19, 1916. He was then released by way of Switzerland. He gave a high eulogy of the German Government and charged the English

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Joined. Privates E. W. L. Martin joined the Corps on 23.12.15, allotted Corps No. 1952 and posted to Stretcher Bearer Section.

Monthly Reports.

The monthly state is required at the Orderly Room not later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 31st inst.

Engineer Company. "Balmers Balise" for January and "Lyceum Balise" from 2nd to 16th January are posted on the notice board at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Transfer. Pte. O. W. Fulcher from Stretcher Bearer Section to No. 2 Section Artillery Battery, dated 28.12.15.

Parades. Parades for Thursday, 30th inst.

7.00 and 5.30 p.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15.

—More flag and Morse lamp practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Sections Scouts Co.—Drill on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units—Squad Drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters under Sergt. M. J. Highy.

Remainder, Nil.

Gen. Club, Hill, Kowloon. On duty until morning of 2nd prox.—Right Section M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Kenneth P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.

On duty to-night Centre Section M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Capt. Wood. On duty to-morrow night, Civil Service Company.

Officer on duty Lieut. Lindell. On duty 31st instant, No. 2 Section Art. Bty.

Officer on duty, Lieut. Danby. Orderly Sergeant until morning of 2nd prox., Cpl. W. Brown.

To-morrow's Parades. Volunteers Signalling section, 7 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 sections Scouts Co., 5.15 p.m.

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EXECUTION.

West Point Murderer Hanged.

This afternoon Mr. Hensland held an inquiry into the death, which took place by execution, of Li Pui, a Chinese, who at the last Criminal Sessions was found guilty of and sentenced to death for the murder of two of his fellow-servants at a brothel at West Point.

Medical evidence was offered and the usual verdict was returned.

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NOTICE

G. R.
PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1916, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land above Kennedy Road and South of L.L. 1216, Robinson Road respectively in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rents to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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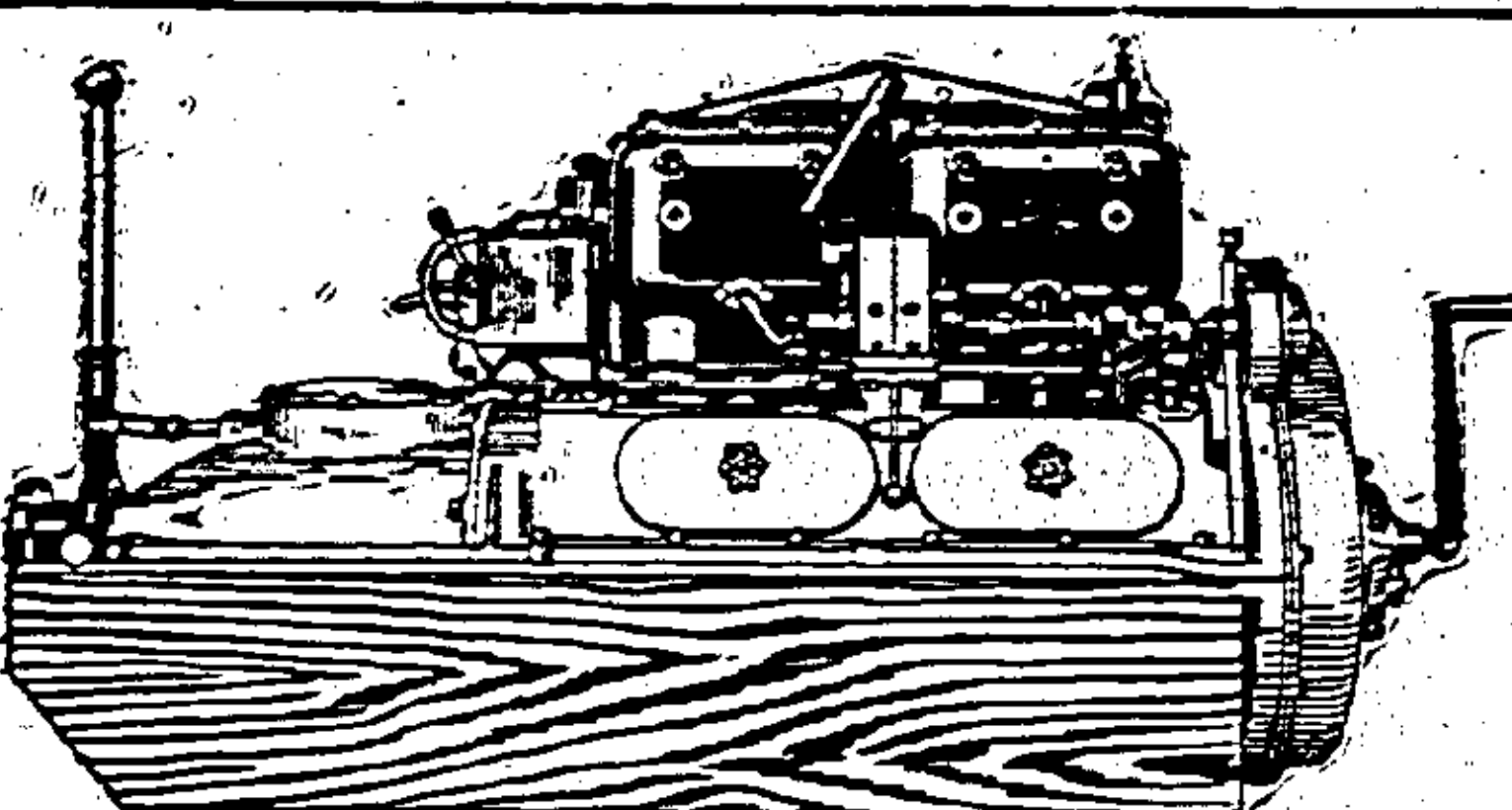
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SUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin—Moi Lung Pa	lb.	19
Prime Cut	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shin	lb.	19
Breast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Scap—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do.,—Sirloin—Ngau Lau	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Butter—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
do.,—Ham Ngau Li	each	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	\$1.00
Heart—Ngau Sun	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kim	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yin	lb.	11
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	18
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau tau-keuk	set	\$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Yeung Pui	lb.	25
Shoulder—Yeung Shan	lb.	24
Saddle	lb.	27
Pigs Chillinga—Chu Chong	per set	27
Brains—Chu No	lb.	13
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	13
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tau	lb.	15
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yin	lb.	18
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	23
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	lb.	24
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	lb.	19
Leg—Chu Pui	lb.	28
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	23
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keuk	set	60
Heart—Yeung Sam	each	8
Kidneys—Yeung Yin	lb.	12
Liver—Yeung Kon	lb.	26
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai	lb.	22
Suet, Beef—Shang N' a Yan	lb.	26
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau	lb.	26
Veal—Ngau Tsi Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsi Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

POULTRY:

Chicken—Kai Tsi	lb.	35
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Doves—Pan Kan	lb.	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tau (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)	per doz	36
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geese—Ngo	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Hoihow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	25
Snipe—Sha Tsi	each	22
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—Na	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	45
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	18
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Mun Yu	lb.	14
Croaker—Hoi	lb.	28
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	18
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
do., Fresh water—Tun Si Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupa—Shik Pan	lb.	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Habitat—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	26
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb.	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tan Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Pa Pan Fong	lb.	16
Pomfret—Chi Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shak Kiu Kwat	lb.	15
Roach—Chan Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yau	lb.	38
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Shark—Po Yu	lb.	7
Shrimps—Hoi	lb.	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Sole—Tat Sha Yu	lb.	26
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	18
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kau Yu	lb.	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Khe	lb.	18
(Chico)—Tin Chun Ping Khe	lb.	18

肉食

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Hing Chiu H.	lb.	3
(brides), Macao—San Hing Chiu H.	lb.	3
Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lat	lb.	1
Cassia—Yeung To	lb.	1
Cocoons—Ye Tse	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tse	lb.	30
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	lb.	8
do.,—America—Kam Shan Ling Mung	lb.	10
Licenses Dried—Lei Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
do.,—Fresh	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Yim Ohing	lb.	5
do.,—Sweet	lb.	8
Pears, (American)—Kam Shan Shoot Lay	lb.	10
(Canton), Cookee—Siu Li	lb.	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	lb.	10
Plantain—Tai Chiu	lb.	10
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	lb.	10
Pineapple, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	each	14
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	lb.	15
Walnuts—Hop To	lb.	15
Water Melon, Green—Sung Hop Tao	each	1
Water Melon, (Am.)—Kam San Sai Kwa	each	1

VEGETABLES, etc.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Check	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tan	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hai Pin	lb.	8
Sprouts—Ah Chi	lb.	10
Long—Tan Kok	lb.	6
Beet Root—Hung Chai Tau	each	6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	lb.	8
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yuen Kwa	lb.	6
do.,—Red—Hung Ke	lb.	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsi	lb.	18
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsi	lb.	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kam Shan	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shan	lb.	6
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsi	lb.	8
Chillies Dried—Kam Lap Chiu	lb.	25
do.,—Red—Hung Ka Chiu	lb.	10
do.,—Green—Ching Lap Chiu	lb.	8
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chu Liu	lb.	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic—Sun Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	lb.	6
do.,—old—Lo Keung	lb.	9
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb.	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each	1
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsi	lb.	6
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	6
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko	lb.	35
Wink Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	1
Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tan	lb.	8
do.,—Greek—Shang Chong	lb.	6
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tan	lb.	7
Parsley—Kam Tsi	lb.	8
Green Peas—Ching Tan	lb.	10
Potatoes, Sweet—Tan Shin	lb.	3
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shin Tsi	lb.	3
Japan—Yui Pun Shin Tsi	lb.	3
American—Fa Ki Shin Tsi	lb.	8
Foochow—Foo-chow Shin Tsi	lb.	3
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	5
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsi	lb.	5
Kinbarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	1
do.,—Tse So	lb.	1
Shallots—Kam Chung Tan	lb.	8
Spinach—Yin Tsi	lb.	5
Tomatoes—Pan Ke	lb.	6
Turnips—Wu Tsi	lb.	6
Turnips, Punt, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
do.,—English—Yeung Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	lb.	4
(American)—Kam-san Chit	lb.	4
Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tsi	lb.	12
Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	6
Yams—Ts Shu	lb.	6
English—Yeung Kan Choi	lb.	1

The above prices are in accordance with the Government list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices—

1. Flour—	
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	\$4.50
per lb.	10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	4.00
per lb.	8
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	3.50
per lb.	7
2. Tinned Milk—	
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin.	35
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin.	25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin (18 oz.)	25
(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin.	35
(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin.	33
(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin.	20
3. Sugar—	
Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin.	115
Refined Crystallized, per lb.	14
Granulated, per lb.	14
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.	14
No. 2	12
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	12
4. Fresh Meat—	
The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in the list are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in Wyndham Street.]	
5. Market Produce—(See above)	
6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914.	
Note—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount and ordinary carriage, payment for all articles of food not enumerated in the list (excepting the articles enumerated in classes 1 to 6) shall be made in cash or by order of the Food Committee, and shall be subject to the above conditions of 15 per cent.	

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COMMERCIAL.

Highlands and Lowlands.
Dividend.
London, December 15.—Highlands and Lowlands pay a dividend of 5 per cent. Sembilan, 6, Taiping, final 9-1/2 and Glen Burnie, 12-1/2.

Suez Canal Dividend.
The Suez Canal Company has recently paid a dividend of 60 francs on the ordinary and 76 francs on the founders' shares.

The Lead Corner in Java.
The rush for lead in Padang recently referred to has, according to a local paper also reached Java and great quantities are now being exported from here to Singapore. The price is however, normal but should the crisis "hold" we shall undoubtedly see as high, if not higher prices than those ruling in Padang at not a very future date.

Simpang Valley Tin Mines.
The Hon. Dr. Lim Boon Keng signs the second report of the directors of the Simpang Valley Hydraulic Mines, Ltd., which is to be presented to shareholders at the meeting to be held on Tuesday next. The report, for the twelve months ended September 30, states that the net profit for the period, after making due provision for depreciation, writing off \$215,02 preliminary expenses, and reserving \$4,000 against the sum due from the Kwong Yik Banking Company, Limited, amounts to \$20,730.75. The directors recommend that a dividend of 5 per cent. be declared on the A shares, absorbing \$8,200, and that the balance be carried forward to next account, \$14,730.75. Mining lands owned by the company under nine leases comprise 914 acres and 38 poles. Output from the mine during the year was as follows:—October, 1914, 117 piculs, November 97, December 144, January, 1915, 160, February 82, March 271, April 124, May 185, June 115, July 217, August 194 and September 200, giving a total of piculs 1,906 to the close of the financial year. The board of directors now consists of Hon. Dr. Lim Boon Keng, Dr. D. J. Galloway, Messrs. Chew Woon Poh, J. A. Hamilton, Luke Chow Thy and G. A. Kimmel. In accordance with the articles of association Mr. Chew Woon Poh retires, but offers himself for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. Derrick and Co., retire and offer themselves for re-election.

Toy Making in Japan.
The export of Japanese toys in 1915 was only 600,000 yen, but it grew to 1,497,000 in 1910, and to 2,591,000 yen in 1914, an increase of 332 per cent. in nine years. The destinations comprise over 30 countries, the greatest purchaser being the United States; England, China, British India, Australia, Hongkong and the South Sea Islands follow in the order given. The United States buy about 40 per cent. of Japan's toy exports, but that country buys more from Germany than she buys from Japan. It is said that of all the toys the United States imports Germany has formerly supplied over 80 per cent. Japanese toys coming next in amount, England, Austria-Hungary, France, and Belgium following in the order given. The Japanese toy industry was originally carried out in the spare time of the poorer families and its development as a factory industry is but of very recent years. But even at present the amount turned out from factories is very small compared with that made by family workers. In Tokio much of the sewing work is being done in Nippon and Senjo, in the North-eastern suburb of the city, while the sterner iron sheet works are in Akasaka, Shinjya, Honjo, and Kanda, and Tokugawa wards. Many of the cheaper toys are made in Osaka but much in the home. But from the increasing tendency of export, the time is now ripe for Japanese business men to open factory production on a somewhat larger scale and pay for more brain work to adapt the product to foreign children's liking. The comparative cheapness of German toys with their excellent quality is entirely due to the advanced condition of factory industry in Germany, the country in which the evolution of the modern toy has been the most rapid.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	Class of Shares.	Number of Shares.	Par Value.	1914.	1914.	1915.	1915.	1915.	1915.	1915.
				High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.
				Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
Banks.										
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	3000 b.	120,000	\$300	all	386	July.	700	Oct.	\$45 x div.	790 x div.
Marine Insurance.										
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	415	10,000	\$250	99	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	425	360
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	1775 b.	10,000	\$15	\$5	145	May	136	Jan.	175	160
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	9010 b.	12,400	\$250	100	847	April	700	Oct.	\$973	\$895
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$250	12,000	\$100	60	210	April	192 1/2	Jan.	270	225
Fire Insurance.										
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$152 sa.	30,000	\$100	30	160	July	140	Oct.	162	180
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$410 b.	8,000	\$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	420	385
Shipping.										
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$101 b.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov.	100	45
Hongkong C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$90 b.	20,000	\$15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	23	Dec.	98	19
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	Combined \$165 b. Deferred \$110 b. Preferred \$55 b.	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	162	95
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$6 1/2 b.	3,797,510	\$1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept.	90 1/2 x div.	82 1/2 x div.
Star Line Company, Ltd.	\$37	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	36	32
Refineries.										
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	\$183 b.	30,000	\$100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov.	134	111
London S. Refining Co., Ltd.	\$97 a.	7,000	\$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	45	27 1/2
Mining.										
Kathu Mining Adm'n. Co., Ltd.	\$20 b.	1,000,000	\$1	all	41 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec.	26 1/2	30 1/2
Reub. Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$35 b.	200,000	\$1	all	310	Jan.	190	Nov.	4	3 1/2
Tromps Mines Ltd.	\$36 b.	160,000	\$1	all	39 1/2	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov.	32 1/2	25 1/2
Ural Caspians	\$5 a.	798,000	\$1	all	56 1/2		21 1/2	Nov.	41	37 1/2
Decks, Wharves and Godowns &c.										
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$77 b.	60,000	\$50	all	88	Jan.	73	Nov.	81 1/2	66
H'kong & W.P. & D. Co., Ltd.	\$34 b.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	83 1/2	57
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	\$3 b.	55,700	\$100	all	50	July	50	Dec.	63 1/2	49
Shai & H'kong W. Co., Ltd.	\$2 1/2 b.	25,000	\$100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec.	53 1/2	80
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.										
Anglo French Land	\$104 b.	13,000	\$100	\$100	128	July	120	Dec.	115	112
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$106 b.	20,000	\$50	50						
H'kong Land Investment Co. Ltd.	\$103 1/2 b.	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov.	111 x div.	108
H'kong Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$6.80 b.	150,000	\$10	all	93 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov.	7 1/2	610
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$40 b.	5,000	\$50	30	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb.	40	40
Shanghai Lands	\$107 b.	78,000	\$50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	106	101
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$7 1/2 b.	12,500	\$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	75 1/2	70
H'kong Central Estates	\$101 b.	10,000	\$100	all						
Cotton Mills.										
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	\$135 b.	20,000	\$50	all	138	July	145	May	180	135
Kung Yik	\$14 b.	75,000	\$10	all	144	Jan.	11	Mar.	17	13 1/2
Laon Kung Mow	\$71 b.	8,000	\$100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	89	80
Shanghai Cottons	\$87 b.	40,000	\$50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	105	90
Miscellaneous.										
Yongtsepoos	\$6 1/2 b.	175,000	\$5	all						
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	\$10 1/2 b.	60,000	\$5	all	12	May	10	Dec.	10	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$4.80 b.	50,000	\$5	all	4.90	July	4	April	4 1/2	4 1/2
Do. (Spec. shares)		50,000	\$1	all						
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$9.70 b.	125,000	\$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	10.10	8.00
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	\$30 a.	40,000	\$7	6	39	June	35	Aug.	34	31
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$10.70 sa.	400,000	\$10	all	6.90	Jan.	5	Dec.	11	6.70
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$44 1/2 a.	60,000	\$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	45	39
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$190 a.	6,500	\$25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec.	190	184
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$33 a.	6,000	\$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	42 1/2	25
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	\$14 b.	325,000	\$5	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb.	5.90	4.90
Langkate	\$35 1/2 b.	250,000	\$10	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec.	42	36 1/2
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$10 b.	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June	10	9
Do (New)	\$5 sa. b.	50,000	\$10	\$1	53	Jan.	75	Dec.	41	80
Philippines Ld.	\$4 b.	75,000	\$10	all						
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$5 b.	12,000	\$10	10						
Societe des Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin	\$30 a.	12,200	\$50	all						
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$31 a.	20,000	\$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov.	3 1/2	3.00
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$16 a.	37,723	\$10	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan.	18	16
Watson and Co., Ltd.	\$4 1/2 b.	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec.	6.90 x div.	6 1/2 x div.
William Powell, Limited	\$3 1/2 b.	11,000	\$7	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec.	7	5 1/2
S. C. Morning Post	\$29 b.	6,000	\$25	all	30	June	92	Dec.	20	20

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 15 buyers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$7 buy.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.75 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7 1/2 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6	Balgownie (Straits) \$3.40 buy.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$1.3 1/2 buyers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$7 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.50 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.60 sellers.
Nordenals 15/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.			

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ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS."
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EXCHANGE.

Selling.	T/T Bombay	On Haiphong	Gold Leaf per oz.
1/10 13/16	Demand Bombay	On Saigon	\$58.90
1/10 1/2	T/T Calcutta	On Bangkok	\$59.55 nom.
30 d/s	Demand Calcutta		Bar Silver ready
1/11 15/16	Demand Manila		\$25 7/8
60 d/s	T/T San Fco & N.Y.		forward
1/11 1/2	Demand New York		
4 m/s	T/T Java		
1/11 7/8	Demand Java		
Private 30 d/s	T/T Manila		
T/T Singapore	Demand Manila		
81	T/T Japan		
T/T Japan	Demand Japan		
89	T/T India		
T/T India	Demand India		
147 1/2	Demand Paris		
Demand Paris			

28th Dec.

Subsidiary Coins.	Chinese 20 cts.	Chinese 10 cts.	Hongkong 20 cts.
Discount per \$100.	Chinese 20 cts.	Chinese 10 cts.	Hongkong 20 cts.
	Chinese 20 cts.	Chinese 10 cts.	Hongkong 20 cts.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS \$2,100,000
(U.S. Gold) \$7,460,000
All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.
N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st July 1915.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 20,000,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

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Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be ascertained on application.
EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 21st October, 1915.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates which will be quoted on application.
Wm. DICKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates which will be quoted on application.
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 Months 3% per annum
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Silver \$18,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Chairman, W. L. Patterson, Esq., Deputy Chairman, S. H. Dodwell, Esq., G. T. M. Edlin, Esq., C. S. Gubbay, Esq., P. H. Holbrook, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Hon. Mr. R. S. Shum, CHIEF MANAGER, Hongkong, N. J. Stabb, MANAGER, Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

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ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
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INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

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Head Office 15 Gracechurch Street, London.
Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid-up " 562,500
Reserve Fund " 500,000

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C. CHAMPKIN, Acting Manager.

NOTICE.

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WAR TELEGRAMS

(Continued from page 1.)

RUSSIAN DESTROYER'S GOOD WORK.

BULGARIAN SUBMARINE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

A Petrograd official announcement reports an encounter between the destroyer Gromky, off the Bulgarian coast, and a number of enemy submarines. The Gromky skillfully evaded two torpedoes and repulsed the submarines. Artillery is believed to have sunk one submarine.

THE TORPEDOED FRENCH MAILBOAT.

December 23, 4.40 a.m.

There were 80 drowned on the Ville de La Ciotat.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, November 19.

(Continued from Monday)

Good Omens.

Good progress is being made by the allies however, in the direction of ensuring a more efficient conduct of the war. In spite of the muddle about the recruiting question we are getting the men we want. If ever it comes to a choice between out and out conscription and an inconclusive peace this country will not hesitate for an instant. We are, as Mr. Churchill said, whilst the reserves of the Allies, and whilst those reserves are only just beginning to make their influence felt the enemy's reserves of man power are showing unmistakable signs of exhaustion. Of this there is no possible doubt whatever. It is established by reliable figures carefully scrutinised and analysed by the Military staffs of the Allies, and it is borne out by private letters from the front both in morale and in numbers the German Army on the Western front shows undoubted signs of weakening. Even the enemy's offensives in the Champagne sector and on the Loos front were adopted, not with any definite military objective but solely with the object of restoring the waning confidence of the German soldiery. Against our infantry attacks the enemy's rank and file offer nothing like the resistance displayed in the early days of the campaign. The only question is whether the strain on our finances will enable us to hold out long enough to bring about the collapse of the enemy under the strain on his military reserves. These must already be approaching absolute exhaustion. We have seen that Germany has had to abandon almost vital enterprises against Russia, including even Von Hindenburg's advance on Riga, merely in order to detach a relatively small number of troops for the Balkans. When the time comes that Germany has put all her available men in the field and can no longer make good to any extent at all her appalling casualties, the end of the war will be in sight. It is a moderate computation that Germany needs a hundred thousand men a week. Once that hundred thousand a week is no longer forthcoming from the reserves, and represents a steady reduction in her fighting line, Germany will soon reach the end of the rope.

Personalities.

Mr. Churchill's resignation has aroused great interest but no excitement. Everybody sympathises with him as a young Minister who was one of the men at the head of affairs in this country with most energy, capacity and courage, and Mr. Churchill undoubtedly has been foolishly criticised and stupidly maligned. He may have made mistakes, but they were the mistakes of action, not of inaction. Mr. Churchill is said by his friends to have felt that his reputation was being hopelessly involved in the mistakes of a policy against which he was fighting tooth and nail all the time. At the same time Mr. Churchill's open attack on Lord Fisher, and his veiled attack on Lord Kitchener, are strongly deprecated, and public opinion greatly esteems Lord Fisher, and his dignified and manly attitude to the drawn-out naval controversy.

now as dust when weight against the national interest at stake. History will correct false criticism and record true judgments on the public men of to-day. The thing that must be done now is to suppress all controversy that does not make for present efficiency and future effectiveness. We must give our minds and energies solely to the problem of winning the war as speedily and thoroughly as possible. Mr. Churchill is going to France. It is said that he means to rejoin his old Lancer Regiment, with the simple rank of Major, and to fight like a real soldier, and not to accept some brilliant sinecure appointment on a "bod" staff. This is a very fine demonstration, and it might well be that Mr. Churchill will win a distinguished command. Because there is no doubt at all about his strength, genius, and courage, and he will be fighting on the immediate scene of some of the great exploits of his great ancestor the famous Jack Churchill, whose top-boots figure so heroically in a very poignant passage of a very distinguished and once beautiful lady's intimate private diary.

Tales of the Trenches.

Some very remarkable stories of the condition of affairs at the front are told by soldiers who have returned home and whose credibility cannot be questioned. An infantry officer was telling me only this week that all that has been said about the Prussians and the Saxons is perfectly true. Our British Tommies have now come to the definite conclusion that the Prussian is an out-and-out savage but that the Saxon is generally a very decent fellow. This officer told me positively that he does not believe there has been any real fighting for months and months between our men and the Saxons. Whenever the Saxons take over the German trenches at any point, they promptly make the fact known to the British soldiers in the trenches opposite to them, and they also signal their departure. Frequently they have put up signs, or shouted out words, to the effect "Good-bye for a bit. We are leaving to-night. The Prussians are coming to-morrow. Give them a hot time. The Saxons generally have a fair knowledge of English, and, if the trenches are at all close together, carry on amiable conversations with our men all day long. The Saxons seem to be great sportsmen too, and to the intense surprise of our Tommies, take a genuine and very lively interest in English League Football results. The first time a Saxon shouted out from across the way "Say, Tommy, who won? Liverpool or Blackburn Rovers?" our men thought it was an attempt to pull their legs. But they soon discovered that it was nothing of the kind, and that their friendly enemy was deeply interested in football and sport generally.

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On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:—

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 1st January from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be one collection and delivery of ordinary correspondence on Sunday. There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holiday.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agular Radio Telegraph Station—Shunyo Maru 12th noon.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE.

Shanghai, London, 29th Dec.
Siberia, Singapore, 31st Dec.
Europe, Africa, India, 31st Dec.
French, Portugal, 2nd Jan.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Kobe—Per COLOMBO M. 29th Dec. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Tourane—Per DIVA 30th Dec. 7 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles & London—Per KASIM 31st Dec. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAI-CHING 30th Dec. 1 p.m.

Straits, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, India, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. The parcel mail will be closed on Wednesday, 29th Dec. at 5 p.m.—Per NANKIN 30th Dec. Registration 1.15 p.m. Letters 2 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per ALBAY 30th Dec. 1 p.m.
Western India & Ceylon—Per EUPHROS 30th Dec. 1 p.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per POO-SHING 30th Dec. 1 p.m.

Shanghai & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per SINGKIANG 30th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 3rd Jan.)

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Kobe—Per KAMSANG 30th Dec. 5 p.m.

Haiphong—Per JADE 30th Dec. 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 31st Dec.

Haiphong—TAKSANG 31st Dec. 7 a.m.
Philippine Is.—Per LOONGSANG 31st Dec. 2 p.m.

Shanghai North China and Europe via Siberia—Per LUCHOW 31st Dec. 5 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 5th Jan.)

TUESDAY, 4th Jan.

Haiphong—Per KAFONG 4th Jan. 9 a.m.
Sundaland—Per MAUBANG 4th Jan. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAI-TAN 4th Jan. 1 p.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per KUM-BANG 4th Jan. 4 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING 4th Jan. 5 p.m.

Shanghai & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per YINGGEOW 4th Jan. 5 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 8th Jan.)

SATURDAY 7th Jan.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAI-MUN 7th Jan. noon.

MONDAY, 6th Jan.

United States, South America via San Francisco and U.K. Kingston—Per CANADA—Per ARAKAN 6th Jan. 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 11th Jan.

Philippine Is.—Per CHERINA 11th Jan. 1 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Moravia, Br. ss. 1332 Thornton, 29th Dec.—Rangoon, 18th Dec. Rangoon—China.

Nankin, Br. ss. 6533, G. Manley, 29th Dec.—Shanghai, 26th Dec. Gen.—P.O.S.N. Co.

Singap, Br. ss. 1685, G. D. Mills, 29th Dec.—Shanghai, 26th Dec. Gen.—B & S.

Kashima Maru, Jap. ss. 6510, G. Takahashi, 29th Dec.—Shanghai, 26th Dec. Gen.—N.Y.K.

Wuhu, Br. ss. 1550, Gen. Wals, 29th Dec.—Shanghai, 26th Dec. Gen.—B & S.

Haiching, Br. ss. 1362, W. C. Pannier, 29th Dec.—Shanghai, 26th Dec. Gen.—D. N. & Co.

Fookang, Br. ss. 1387, T. A. Mitchell, 29th Dec.—Japan, 23rd Dec. Gen.—M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 23.

Tulcanes for Canton.
Hainan for Canton via Pakhoi.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 23rd at 11.10—The Hongkong depression moving westward.

Pressure is highest over Japan. It has further decreased over China and India. China, and is still low over the southern portion of the China Sea.

A depression has formed over Loo-Choo.

The monsoon will be light to moderate over the China Sea, and will probably set in along the east coast again to-morrow.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. Light wind, moderate rain.

2 Formosa Channel. Light wind, moderate rain.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Loo-Choo. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register. 24th December, 1915.

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